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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of road works in Savarakota Mandal, Srikakulam District – Charge framed against Sri J.Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary, Bhadri G.P., Saravakota, Srikakulam District – Proved in the inquiry conducted by the C.O.I - Representation - Imposition of penalty of withholding of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYATRAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.647 **Dated: 09.12.2021**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 97 (C.No. 1186/V&E/E/2016), dated: 29.09.2017.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1390,PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 21.12.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1398,PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 21.12.2018.
4. From ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada, Letter No. Vig. I (1).4244/18, dated: 30.01.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.479, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 05.08.2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No.480, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt:- 05.08.2019.
7. From Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A.(COI) Department and Inquiring Authority, D.O. Letter NO. 134/COI-JS/2019, dt: 12.08.2020.
8. Govt. Memo No. 11786/Vig. I/2017, PR&RD (Vigt. I) Dept., Dt: 02.12.2020.
9. From J. Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary, Bhadri GP, Saravakota,Srikakulam District,representation dt: 24.11.2020.

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ORDER

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of road works under MGNREGS in Savarakota Mandal, Srikakulam District, Government in the reference 2nd read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of above said rules vide reference 3rd read above against Sri J.Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary, Bhadri G.P., Saravakota, Srikakulam District with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

That Sri J.Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary, Bhadri G.P., Saravakota has misused his ofcial position and committed irregularities and misappropriation of MGNREGS funds in execution of road works in Saravakota (M) in as much as he has failed to visit and verify NMR sheets of the work during the execution and without verification of work, he has distributed the payment slips to labour.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR among others, has furnished the written statement of defence of the Charged Officer. After examination of the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 5th

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read above, Government have entrusted the case to Commissioner of Inquiries and appointed Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), C.O.I, G.A (COI) Department as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charge framed against charged officer Sri J. Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary and also other eight (8) co-charged officers involved in the case.

3. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring Authority has furnished inquiry report dt: 12.08.2020 along with his findings on each charged officer. In the findings the Inquiring Authority, among others, has held that the charge framed against the Charged Officer Sri J.Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary is held proved.

4. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer for submitting his representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Sri J. Pentanna, Village Secretary has submitted representation duly stating that in addition to his regular duties as Panchayat Secretary, Bhadri GP, he was also held the post of Panchayat Secretary (FAC) in other 4 G.Ps. Hence, it was not possible for him to stay at one work for the entire day to sign on the NMRs as he has to look after the works in all the GPs. During his tenure, there was no complaint from any job card holder that he did not receive payment. He has requested to reconsider the findings of I.A and to exonerate him from the charge.

6. Government have examined the representation of the charged officer and observe that the charged officer has submitted similar contention before the inquiring authority. The I.A has considered the same and rejected this plea duly mentioning that the C.O did not exercise the necessary verification as expected from him and it is established that verification is not done and held that the charge is held proved against the charged officer. As such, the C.O shown lenience in discharging his duties and hence, his representation to drop further action is devoid of merits since he is not absolved from the charge.

7. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri J.Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary, Bhadri G.P., Saravakota, Srikakulam District in the matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada is requested to take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sri J.Pentanna, Panchayat Secretary, Bhadri G.P.,
Saravakota, Srikakulam District
through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada

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The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to the order on individual and furnish served copy to Government immediately).
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development,
A.P, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
OSD to Hon'ble Minister for PR&RD.,
PS to Prl. Secy. PR&RD. Department
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
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